

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions of claims in the Application:

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling a digital video recording apparatus, comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of signals corresponding to a plurality of video programs from a signal source;

selecting ones of the plurality of video programs for recording in response to user commands;

storing the selected video programs in a storage device;

maintaining data related to the video programs stored in the storage device; and

providing, in response to the digital video recording apparatus being placed in a power ON state, an initial on screen display message indicating ~~an available~~ a numerical value representing a number of available video programs stored in the storage device.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~available number of video programs~~ numerical value comprises a number of video programs stored in the storage device since ~~the a~~ last time the apparatus was in the power ON state.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein the initial on screen display message further displays selected attributes of the available ~~number of~~ video programs stored in the storage device.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes the~~ include titles of the available number of video programs.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes the time~~ include times the ~~respective ones of the available~~ number of video programs ~~was were~~ stored in the storage device.

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the number of available ~~number of~~ video programs comprises a number of video programs stored in the storage device since a last time ~~the a~~ user accessed a full program listing display ~~that lists of all the~~ programs stored on the storage device.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the initial on screen display message further displays selected attributes of the available ~~number of~~ video programs stored in the storage device.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes the~~ include titles of the available ~~number of~~ video programs.

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes~~ include ~~the time times the~~ ~~respective ones of the available~~ number of video programs ~~was were~~ stored in the storage device.

10. (currently amended) A digital video recording apparatus, comprising:
 a signal input for receiving a plurality of signals corresponding to a plurality of video programs from a signal source;
 tuning means for selecting ones of the plurality of video programs in response to user commands;

recording means for storing the selected video programs in a storage device response to further user commands;
 generating means for generating on screen display messages;
 control means, coupled to and controlling the operation of the tuning means, the recording means and the generating means, the control means causing the generating means to generate, in response to the apparatus being placed in a power ON state, an initial on screen display message indicating a numerical value representing a an available number of available video programs stored in the storage device.

11. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the ~~available number of video programs~~ numerical value comprises a number of video programs stored in the storage device since ~~the a~~ last time the apparatus was in the power ON state.

12. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the initial on screen display message further displays selected attributes of the available ~~number of~~ video programs stored in the storage device.

13. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes the~~ include titles of the available ~~number of~~ video programs.

14. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes~~ include ~~the time~~ times ~~the respective ones of the available~~ number of video programs ~~was~~ were stored in the storage device.

15. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the ~~available~~ number of available programs comprises a number of video programs stored in the storage device since a last time

the user accessed a full program listing display that lists all the video programs stored on the storage device.

16. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the initial on screen display message further displays selected attributes of the available ~~number of~~ video programs stored in the storage device.

17. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes the~~ include titles of the available ~~number of~~ video programs.

18. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the selected attributes ~~includes the time the respective ones of~~ include times the available ~~number of~~ video programs ~~was were~~ stored in the storage device.